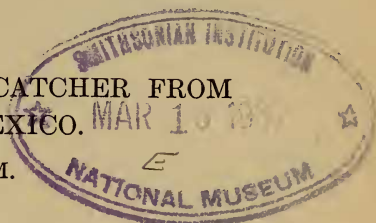


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A RACE OF THE DERBY FLYCATCHER FROM  
NORTHWESTERN MEXICO.

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A few years ago I was interested in the appearance of a Derby flycatcher, taken by Frazar at Alamos in extreme southern Sonora, which differed from the race of central and eastern Mexico in several particulars. In the absence of more than one specimen it seemed advisable to examine further material, even though the Frazar bird varied in characters analogous to numerous other tropical subspecies which occupy the same region. Later, two specimens were examined from Agiabampo (Nat. Hist. Mus.), and finally a single bird, taken by Chester C. Lamb, was seen, thanks to the courtesy of Mr. Lamb, from Basacori Island, which is off shore from Agiabampo. All of these differ from typical *derbianus* of Texas and eastern and central Mexico, and may be known as

***Pitangus sulfuratus palliatus*, subsp. nov.**

*Type*.—222617, Museum of Comparative Zoology; a male adult collected by M. A. Frazar at Alamos, Sonora, Mexico, on March 8, 1888.

*Subspecific characters*.—Similar to *Pitangus sulfuratus derbianus* (Kaup) of central, eastern, and northeastern Mexico, but coloration paler (primrose, not lemon yellow) below and paler (less brownish, more grayish) above; tail (89 mm. in type) with an average length of 88 as compared with a range of 95 to 101 mm. in fully adult males of *derbianus*.

*Range*.—Extreme southern Sonora, south to Nayarit.

*Remarks*.—In coloration, *palliatus* bears much the same relation to *derbianus* that *Myiozetetes similis primulus* does to *M. s. superciliosus*, another species of tyrant flycatcher of similar color and pattern.

Kaup's type of *derbianus* (P. Z. S., 1851, p. 43) came, through Wollweber, from an unknown locality in Zacatecas. His plate which accompanies the description is clearly that of the bright yellow race and therefore (as seems

certain in the cases of other Wollweber birds) probably came from the eastern part of that state.

*Specimens examined.*—*palliatus*, Sonora, 4; Nayarit, 1 (intermediate): *derbianus*, Texas, 12; eastern and northeastern Mexico, series: *guatemalensis*, series.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Dr. L. B. Bishop for certain Texas specimens and Mr. J. L. Peters for his selection of seasonably comparable material from Texas and northeastern Mexico.